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AMENDMENT "B" and RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Declaration, a One-Month Extension of Time and an authorization to pay the \$110.00 Sec. 1.17(a)(1) fee accompany this amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9, 15 and 17 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please substitute the following claims 1 and 13 for the claims 1 and 13 now pending in the above-identified application.